

F-1-148

Thomas' Profit Tenant House

Doubs vicinity

Private

Ca. 1900-1915

The Thomas' Profit Tenant House is a two-story frame dwelling with an irregular 3-bay main elevation, with two bays on the second story and a center entrance sheltered by a one-story porch. The exterior siding and roofing are modern composition in rather deteriorated condition. Currently unoccupied, the house is minimally significant for its architectural form, a simplified version of the 19th century German vernacular dwelling, which typically has a rear or side wing adjacent to the main section. The Thomas' Profit Tenant House has no projections other than the one-story porch. Its altered exterior and generally neglected condition lower its historical integrity, and this type of structure exists in virtually every part of Frederick County, resulting in its low level of significance. It was probably built by Robert Ranneberger, the owner of the larger property on which the Tenant House stands from 1914-1954. The main farmstead, the Samuel Thomas Farmstead (F-1-137), is visible across the open fields northwest of the house. The historical tract name of the property was Thomas' Profit, the name currently used on the main gate of the farm.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-1-148

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Profit Tenant House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2312 Ballenger Creek Pike ☐ not for publicationcity, town Doubs ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Melvin E. and Nancy A. Beachley

street & number 2454 Ballenger Creek Pike telephone no.:

city, town Adamstown state and zip code Md. 21710

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1148

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 147

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-148

date 1982 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-148

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Thomas' Profit Tenant House is a two-story frame house built about 1900-1915 on the northwest side of Ballenger Creek Pike on the Samuel Thomas Farmstead (F-1-137) about 1/2 mile south of Doubs, Frederick County, Maryland. The house has composition siding and roofing and a one-story porch on the principal elevation. It is currently in fair condition and the siding is somewhat deteriorated. The house is unoccupied at present. The date of the house is based on architectural details and personal interviews.

The house has three bays on the southeast elevation first story and two on the second story. The entrance is in the center bay and is a four-panel type. The flanking windows are 2/2. The one-story porch has plain square posts and a concrete deck. In 1982, when the house was first inventoried, the porch had a partial enclosure. This was apparently removed during recent preparations for rehabilitation by the owner, Mr. Melvin Beachley. Interior chimneys are located at the north and south gable ends, which have no openings other than single off-center attic windows in the gables. The northwest elevation has two bays with 2/2 windows. The interior was inaccessible for this survey. However, information from Mr. Beachley's brother, who occupied the house about 20 years ago, reveals that the house is of frame construction, rather than the possible log suggested in the initial survey.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-1-148

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1890

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Thomas' Profit Tenant House is minimally significant for its architectural form, an early 20th century version of the vernacular dwelling based on 19th century German forms. The Tenant House is a much simplified example of the form, which in its traditional design, has a rear or side wing in which the kitchen and/or dining room is usually found. The Tenant House, while retaining the three-bay main elevation and one-story porch, which are also part of the traditional dwelling, probably has two or four rooms on the first story with the kitchen included in the rectangular plan. Its frame structure and its absence from late 19th century and early 20th century maps place it in the first quarter of the 20th century. Its altered exterior coverings and generally neglected condition give the house a low level of integrity and the existence of many similar houses of the period are the factors which result in its low level of significance. Thomas' Profit is the historical tract name of the entire property and is currently used on the gates of the main farmstead, the Samuel Thomas Farmstead (F-1-137), which is visible across the open fields to the northwest. The larger farmstead has buildings dating from the period about 1835-1940. During the period 1900-1914, the farmstead was owned by Charles A. and Florence Thomas Brown and S. Bruce Thomas, and from 1914-1954 by Robert M. Ranneberger. Since Ranneberger was responsible for many of the 20th century outbuildings in the main farmstead, it seems likely that he may have had the Tenant House built as well.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-148

Land Records of Frederick County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acreQuadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 1 acre on Tax Map 102, Parcel 12

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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24 2 Ballenger Creek Pike
and 2312 Ballenger Creek Pike

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Cost	Miscellaneous
1148/147 21 May 81	Melvin E. & Nancy A. Beachley	Bernard Freedman et al, trading as Point of Rocks associates	\$249,000	124.76 a.
743/723 2 Apr 66	Theodore Shapiro & Albert Fishman, trustees	Raymond O. & Pearl V. Beachley		
533/51 18 June 54	Raymond O. Beachley et al	Robert M. & Daisy A. Ranneberger		204.75 a.
344/37 19 Apr 23	Robert M. Ranneberger et al	Parsons Newman	1. Part of "Thomas Profit" - 200 a.	308/560 344/36, 19 Apr 23 Ranneberger to Newman
HWB 308/560 25 May 14	Robert M. Ranneberger	Florence Thomas Brown & her husb. Charles Brown	Part of "Thomas Profit" surveyed by Thos. Hillenry surveyor in Dec. 1878	200 a.
JRR 1/316 20 Jun 1876 Will Record	1. Dr. Bruce Thomas, then 2. S. Bruce Thomas & Florence Thomas Brown	Phebe F. Thomas		1833 - Jones Durlin laid off for Samuel Thomas part of "Thomas Profit"

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Two-story Shingled House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2312 Point of Rocks Road

CITY, TOWN

Doubs

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED
N/A

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located close to the west side of Point of Rocks Road, north of the Doubs Power Station, between Point of Rocks and Doubs in southern Frederick County. The building is two stories high, gable roofed, with two interior end chimneys. The principal facade is three bays wide, with a central doorway; the second floor, however, lacks a window over the doorway. A one story, partially enclosed, hip roofed porch is located on this facade. Windows on the house are 2/2, double-hung sash. The two gable end walls are nearly blank; each end wall has only one small attic window. The house is likely either of log or frame construction, and is now covered with imitation brick shingles. There are no outbuildings on the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant architecturally as an example of a vernacular house type seen throughout Maryland during the later 19th and early 20th centuries. Although altered by the addition of later siding, the general form of the building is still evident. The house may possibly have been a tenant house for one of the larger nearby farms.

The building does not appear on the 1862 Bond, 1873 Lake, and 1913 U.S.G.S. maps of Frederick County.

This house is of local significance; it does not appear likely to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, Maryland, 1862.
 Lake, D.J., Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, 1873.
 Maryland Geological Survey, Atlas of Frederick County
 (topographic maps), 1913.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME - TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June 1982

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

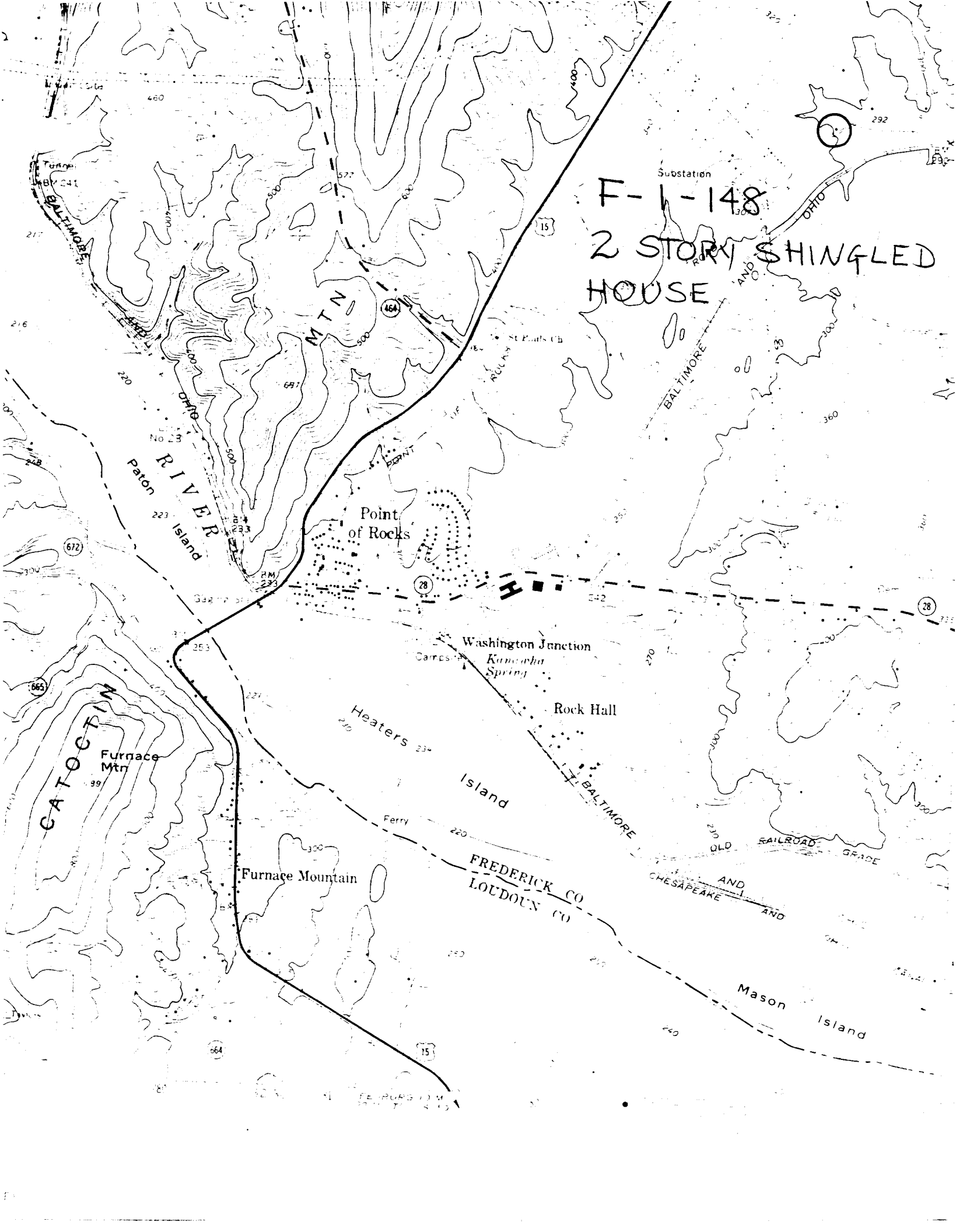
STATE

Maryland 21401

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2 STORY SHINGLED
HOUSE

Point
of Rocks

Washington Junction
Kane's Spring

Rock Hall

Heaters
Island

Furnace Mountain

FREDERICK CO
LOUDOUN CO

Mason
Island



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Thomas' Profit Tenant House

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

July 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Southeast corner view

1/2



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Thomas ' Profit Tenant House

Frederick County

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Southwest corner view

2/2



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Two-story Shingle House

Northeast elevation

Peggy Bruns Weissman

March 1982